as only Indian citizens are eligible to be so included.

(c) Identity Cards are proposed to be issued in selected areas in the border States.

(d) and (e) Erection of barbed wire fencing for 158 Kms in Assam has been taken up and it has been approved over a length of 231 Kms in Meghalaya.

A Pilot Scheme for issue of Identity cards is under implementation in some selected border areas of Rajasthan and Gujarat. The State Governments of Rajasthan and Gujaart have so far distributed 2,08,550 and 60,542 identity cards respectively.

The Governments of Punjab and Jammu & Kashmir have also decided to issue identity cards in identified villages. The Govt. of India have also requested the States of Assam, West Bengal, Meghalaya, Mizoram and Tripura to formulate such schemes.

Guarantee of opportunities to minorities

1728. SHRI SYED SIBTEY RAZI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are committed to guarantee to all minorities, linguistic and religious, peace and security and ensure full opportunities for progress and development of the minorities;

(b) if so, the details of these commitments;

(c) whether Government have taken any steps to implement these commitments; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) to (d) Yes, Sir. The 15-Point Programme for the welfare of minorities seeks to ensure that there is no discrimination, that the minorities get fair and adequate share in various developmental programmes and that they enjoy safety of life and property. The implementation of the programme is monitored by the Central Government periodically at the highest level.

Detentions without trial

1729. PROF. SOURENDRA BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of cases and the names of the States, in which detentions without trial under the National Security Act and similar other Acts were effected since the formation of the National Front Government at the Centre;

(b) whether such actions were taken at the instance of the Government of India;

(c) if so, what was the reason therefor; and

(d) if not, whether Government take appropriate steps to put a stop to such acts?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) The following four Central Preventive Detention Acts are operative at present:—

1 The National Security Act, 1980.

2. The Conservation of Foreign Exchange and Prevention of Smuggling Activities Act, 1974.

3. The Prevention of Black Marketing and Maintenance of Supplied of Essential Activities Act, 1980.